

## ALASKA

Park Operational Base Summary: The table below shows the annual park operating base for all parks within this state. Park operational base funds are supplemented by as yet undetermined amounts of project funding from regional or servicewide-managed programs, such as cyclic maintenance, the Natural Resources Preservation Program, and the Drug Enforcement Program.

If a park is in more than one state, the park is included in each of the appropriate state tables. The full operating base is shown; no attempt has been made to split the park operating base amount between two or more states.

		(dollars in thousands)				
Congress'l District	Park Units/Trails/Affiliated Areas/	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2005	FY 2005
		Enacted	Enacted	Uncontrol Changes	Program Changes	Estimate
	00 Anchorage Interagency Visitor Center	493	485	0	45	530
	00 Beringia	691	672	0	0	672
	00 Denali NP & Preserve	10,949	10,687	0	0	10,687
	00 Fairbanks Interagency Visitor Center	320	314	0	0	314
	00 Gates of the Arctic NP & Preserve	1,962	1,912	0	250	2,162
	00 Glacier Bay NP & Preserve	3,485	3,627	0	0	3,627
	00 Katmai NP & Preserve, Aniakchak NM & Preserve, Alagnak Wild River	2,457	2,464	0	393	2,857
	00 Kenai Fjords NP	2,455	2,704	0	0	2,704
	00 Klondike Gold Rush NHP	2,249	2,198	0	0	2,198
	00 Lake Clark NP & Preserve	1,841	1,778	0	0	1,778
	00 Sitka NHP	1,564	1,528	0	0	1,528
	00 Western Arctic National Parklands - Bering Land Bridge Natl Preserve, Cape Krusenstern NM, Kobuk Valley NP, Noatak Natl Preserve	3,143	3,070	0	0	3,070
	00 Wrangell-Saint Elias NP & Preserve	3,860	3,730	0	0	3,730
	00 Yukon-Charley Rivers Natl Preserve	1,268	1,242	0	0	1,242

FY 2005 uncontrollable funding related to pay and benefits has yet to be distributed at the park level.

This table does not include programs from other appropriations such as General Management Plans, Land Acquisition, Line Item Construction, Federal Lands Highway Program, and Historic Preservation Fund State Grants. Information on the distribution of funds in these programs is outlined on the next page. There are separate sections on General Management Plans and the Trails Management Program.

## **ALASKA**

### **Anchorage Interagency Visitor Center, Alaska**

#### **\$45,000 to Increase Space for Anchorage Interagency Visitor Center**

Funding is requested to lease additional space for the interagency visitor center located in the Federal Building in downtown Anchorage. The Alaska Public Lands Information Center is one of four interagency visitor centers authorized by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and serves the public on behalf of eight Federal and State agencies. The staff at this location provides one-stop access to visitor information on Alaska's public lands, including interpretive programs, daily films, brochures, mail and phone requests and special events. Funds will allow the center to lease the space needed for the current staffing and program level. If provided, this funding would be transferred to the GSA space rental component of the External Administrative Costs Activity in the following budget year.

### **Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve, Alaska**

#### **\$250,000 and 1.0 FTE to Lease Additional Office Space**

Funding is requested to expand office space for the Fairbanks office, which houses employees from Gates of the Arctic NP&P, Yukon-Charley Rivers NP and other regional parks. In the past 10 years the requirement for office space at the Fairbanks office has tripled and office capacity is insufficient for current staffing levels. Funding would be used to lease additional space where park offices and regional programs can operate. If provided, this funding would be transferred to the GSA space rental component of the External Administrative Costs Activity in the following budget year.

### **Katmai National Park & Preserve, Alaska**

#### **\$393,000 and 5.0 FTEs to Establish Coastal Resource Program**

Funding is requested to manage coastal resources. Katmai has a 480-mile marine coastline, which is experiencing a dramatic increase in visitation. Many of the 217 incidental business permit holders bring visitors to this area of the park to fish, hike and view bears. Much of this is taking place at the park boundary, where NPS managed lands meet State of Alaska managed marine waters and tidelands. The State of Alaska has identified some bays and other areas as "Areas of Concern" and has expressed an interest in cooperative planning. Minimal coastal surveys already conducted have found significant archaeological and paleontological resources. Funding would be used to acquire baseline resource information, and to participate with the State of Alaska in visitor and commercial use planning on neighboring state lands. Through these cooperative efforts, coastal resources would be better protected.

**ALASKA (ARO)**  
(dollars in thousands)

**PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN PARK BASE:**

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (See GMP section for further information)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>
Denali NP	Potential New Project
Gates of the Arctic NPres	Ongoing Project
Glacier Bay NP & Preserve	Ongoing Project
Kenai Fjords NP	Ongoing Project
Wrangell-St Elias NP & Pres	Ongoing Project

SPECIAL STUDIES (See GMP section for further information)

<u>Study Area</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>
Glacier Bay NP & Preserve EIS	Ongoing Project

**LAND ACQUISITION**

None

CONSTRUCTION: LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION (see attached)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Denali NP	Replace Eielson Visitor Center	\$7,240
Klondike Gold Rush NHP	Construct Historic Resource Support Center and Protect Museum Collections	\$739
Western Arctic National Parklands	Construct Northwest Alaska Heritage Center and Administrative Headquarters	\$14,708
Wrangell-St. Elias Natl Pk & Pres	Construct Museum to Preserve and Interpret AHTNA Culture	\$1,135

PROPOSED FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY PROGRAM (subject to change pending program reauthorization)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Denali Natl Park & Pres	Repair Bridges	\$403
Denali National Park & Preserve	Correct Road Safety Hazard	\$75
Denali National Park & Preserve	Replace Culverts	\$400
Denali National Park & Preserve	Bank Stabilization	\$658
Denali National Park & Preserve	Safety Improvements	\$112
Denali National Park & Preserve	Rehabilitate Parking Lot	\$325
Denali National Park & Preserve	Replace Culverts	\$475
Denali National Park & Preserve	East fork Wall Repair	\$1,500
Denali National Park & Preserve	Gravel Stockpile	\$188

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: STATE GRANTS**

State apportionment: \$708

**STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS**

Proposed state apportionment: \$826

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PROJECT DATA SHEET**

<b>Project Score/Ranking:</b>	670
<b>Planned Funding FY:</b>	2005
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Line Item Construction

**Project Identification**

<b>Project Title:</b> Replace Eielson Visitor Center		
<b>Project No:</b> 077305	<b>Unit/Facility Name:</b> Denali National Park & Preserve	
<b>Region:</b> Alaska	<b>Congressional District:</b> 01	<b>State:</b> AK

**Project Justification**

**Project Description:** This project would replace the existing Eielson Visitor Center with a new earth-sheltered 8,850-square-foot facility. The proposed design reduces visual impact by placing the building on the existing site at a lowered terrace level, out of sight from approaching visitors and buses. The new facility would use the existing trail system and reconfigure the existing parking area to include a rehabilitated entry plaza and bus-passenger waiting area. A 3,850-square-foot upper viewing plaza would be exposed to the elements and include walking, viewing and seating areas. The visitor center would be one level below the entry plaza and be entered either by an exterior ramp or stairs. Restrooms would be adjacent to the ramp and accessible even when the visitor center is closed. The exhibit hall would be a large open space with a central information desk and a centrally-placed topographic model of the mountain and landscape. Other interpretive exhibits would include video displays, interpretive panels, roll-out discovery carts, a weather station/kiosk and tundra research space. A sales area for the Alaska Natural History Association would be located adjacent to the exhibit hall. Various support spaces for staff, building services and a caretaker's apartment would be located farther from the center of the hall. The building would incorporate angled windows to provide views and enhance energy efficiency. Public access would be provided to lower exterior decks and sheltered eating spaces. The layout would utilize rectangular geometry whenever possible to allow for economical construction at this remote site. The building, exhibits and utilities would be designed to "go cold" during the winter months. The new facility would be fully accessible and utilize alternative fuels and technologies. It will be built on the site of the existing visitor center to minimize the impact on natural resources.

**Project Need/Benefit:** The purpose of this project is to provide a replacement visitor center at Eielson that would correct the current deficiencies and provide more space to accommodate increased visitation. The building has significant structural problems since settlement is occurring and cracks are developing in the walls. Built in 1959, the current facility is undersized to meet current visitation at the site. Typically there are 5 - 7 buses, each carrying 44 visitors, parked at the Visitor Center throughout the day. The existing building is approximately 4,700 square feet (sf) with about 650 sf area for exhibits and orientation. The sub-arctic weather is frequently inclement and visitors seek refuge from the elements. At peak visitation, visitors are crammed into the visitor orientation area where park staff try to provide information. There is not enough floor space for exhibits, displays, or demonstrations. The replacement facility would be sized to accommodate current use and projected visitation for the next 20 years. The new facility would provide visitors with fully accessible exhibit space, viewing/sitting/eating space, retail space and restrooms. Visitors would have room to enjoy the view as they learn about Denali's unique sub-arctic environment through high-quality interpretation from park staff and interpretive exhibits and displays. The new facility would also provide improved, safe visitor access to and from the buses.

**Ranking Categories:** Identify the percent of the project that is in the following categories of need.

30 % Critical Health or Safety Deferred Maintenance	40 % Critical Mission Deferred Maintenance
0 % Critical Health or Safety Capital Improvement	0 % Compliance & Other Deferred Maintenance
30 % Critical Resource Protection Deferred Maintenance	0 % Other Capital Improvement
0 % Critical Resource Protection Capital Improvement	

<b>Capital Asset Planning 300B Analysis Required:</b> YES: NO:	<b>Total Project Score:</b> 670
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**Project Costs and Status**

<b>Project Cost Estimate:</b>			<b>Project Funding History:</b>	
Deferred Maintenance Work :	\$	%	Appropriated to Date:	\$ 0
Capital Improvement Work:	\$ 0	0	Requested in FY 2005 Budget:	\$ 7,420,000
Total Project Estimate:	\$ 7,420,000	100	Planned Funding:	\$ 0
Class of Estimate:	B		Future Funding to	
Estimate Good Until:	09/30/05		Complete Project:	\$ 0
			Project Total:	\$ 7,420,000
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Sch'd (qtr/yy)</b>		<b>Unchanged Since</b>	
Construction Start/Award	1 / 2005		Departmental	
Project Complete:	4 / 2005		Approval:	
			YES: NO: x	

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<b>Project Score/Ranking:</b>	615
<b>Planned Funding FY:</b>	2005
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Line Item Construction

**Project Identification**

<b>Project Title:</b> Construct Historic Resources Support Center and Protect Museum Collections		
<b>Project No:</b> 027768	<b>Unit/Facility Name:</b> Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park	
<b>Region:</b> Alaska	<b>Congressional District:</b> 01	<b>State:</b> AK

**Project Justification**

**Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to complete the original functions planned for the recently constructed maintenance facility and to provide adequate storage facilities for maintenance activities and the park archeological collection. Specific work would include:

1. Construct an addition to the maintenance facility to provide space for maintenance staff offices, for storage of long stock for the carpentry shop, and for relocation of the park's network facilities.
2. Construct a cold-storage building for the storage of pipe and other items that must be kept out of the weather.
3. Install a metal roof on the existing park cold-storage facility to match the appearance of the existing maintenance buildings and the new buildings.
4. Remodel the Mascot Saloon garage to provide space for training, conferencing, and incident command operations.
5. Construct a low-profile park collections storage facility that is compatible with the residential neighborhood and the Skagway Historic District.

**Project Need/Benefit:** A fully functioning maintenance facility is essential for maintaining 15 historic buildings and landscapes, 16 miles of Chilkoot trail, employee housing and other facilities serving 700,000 visitors a year. Available undesignated storage for all park divisions is currently limited to one 1,200-square-foot room which is inadequate for current needs. Park rescue equipment, weapons lockers, and CPR manikins are being stored in a hallway. In addition, maintenance supplies, including lumber, pipe, and electrical conduit are being stored either outside exposed to the elements or in temporary "sea" vans which are unsightly and have been the subject of criticism by park neighbors. Funding for construction of the core building did not allow for a badly needed second bathroom for employees, or for space for a lunch/training/conference room, a drafting/records room and other necessary functions. The archeology collections are currently stored in the Mascot Saloon which does not provide adequate climate control of the museum collections and is desperately needed for office space. The archeological collection requires a secure, climate controlled environment, with an appropriate HVAC system that will maintain a minimum temperature of 50 degrees F and a maximum temperature of 65 degrees F and a relative humidity of 30-40%. The Mascot Saloon is a historic building and the museum storage on the second floor is having long-term detrimental effects on this structure. The maintenance compound is adjacent to the Skagway Historic District making architectural compatibility with the surrounding landscape an important requirement of the completed facility.

**Ranking Categories:** Identify the percent of the project that is in the following categories of need.

0 % Critical Health or Safety Deferred Maintenance	0 % Critical Mission Deferred Maintenance
5 % Critical Health or Safety Capital Improvement	0 % Compliance & Other Deferred Maintenance
0 % Critical Resource Protection Deferred Maintenance	0 % Other Capital Improvement
95 % Critical Resource Protection Capital Improvement	

**Capital Asset Planning 300B Analysis Required:** YES: NO: x **Total Project Score:** 615

**Project Costs and Status**

<b>Project Cost Estimate:</b>			<b>Project Funding History:</b>		
<b>Deferred Maintenance Work:</b>	\$	0	<b>Appropriated to Date:</b>	\$	0
<b>Capital Improvement Work:</b>	\$	739,000	<b>Requested in FY 2005 Budget:</b>	\$	739,000
<b>Total Project Estimate:</b>	\$	739,000	<b>Planned Funding:</b>	\$	0
<b>Class of Estimate:</b>	B		<b>Future Funding to Complete Project:</b>	\$	0
<b>Estimate Good Until:</b>	09/30/05		<b>Project Total:</b>	\$	739,000
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Sch'd (qtr/yy)</b>		<b>Unchanged Since</b>		
<b>Construction Start/Award</b>	3 / 2005		<b>Departmental</b>		
<b>Project Complete:</b>	2 / 2006		<b>Approval:</b>		
			<b>YES: NO: x</b>		

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<b>Project Score/Ranking:</b>	260
<b>Planned Funding FY:</b>	2005
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Line Item Construction

**Project Identification**

<b>Project Title:</b> Construct Northwest Alaska Heritage Center and Administrative Headquarters		
<b>Project No:</b> 016352	<b>Unit/Facility Name:</b> Western Arctic National Parklands	
<b>Region:</b> Alaska	<b>Congressional District:</b> 01	<b>State:</b> AK

**Project Justification**

**Project Description:** This project will construct a visitor / Native Alaskan heritage center / administration building in Kotzebue, Alaska, that will serve the Western Arctic National Parklands (Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, Kobuk Valley National Park, Cape Krusenstern National Monument, and Noatak National Preserve) and the NANA Regional Corporation (NANA). The facility will include an information lobby / sales area; auditorium; museum; library; science center and labs; curatorial / archival storage and workspace; office space; and rest rooms. The building will in part replace an obsolete, unsafe visitor center. This facility will be built on land to be acquired from NANA and may reuse portions of an existing foundation. This project will also construct a maintenance shop / warehouse (up to 7,000 square feet) and a boat / vehicle storage building (up to 6,000 square feet) on land already owned by the government. If the budget requires, these facilities may be rehabilitated space or smaller new buildings. The project includes utility connections and site improvements. The scope of work continues to evolve due to ongoing negotiations with NANA and the NPS will provide facilities to meet the described functions within the estimated cost, but the final breakdown of programmed spaces may vary. Funding is being requested in two phases in order to purchase and ship large materials to the site via barge in late summer 2004 for construction in FY 2005. Materials are shipped to this remote area on the Bering Sea via daily cargo jets or by a few summer barges. Arctic construction requires foundation pile placement in permafrost during the winter. If large materials (steel piles, platform and framing materials, etc.) do not arrive on a summer barge, then construction would be delayed for ten months with attendant cost escalation.

**Project Need/Benefit:** Access to the four Western Arctic park units is limited to the transportation centers of Kotzebue and Nome. The new facilities will facilitate efficient and effective information dispersal and interpretive services since nearly all visitors must travel through these communities and few will have the means to experience the parks firsthand. This project will provide more opportunities for more visitors and will improve community and stakeholder relations. Park staff and functions that are currently scattered among several inadequate facilities will be consolidated. Interest in travel to the parks and visits to NPS facilities in Kotzebue have risen significantly in recent years. Villages and native groups have shown active interest in developing eco-tourism in the area. Increased public contacts by the interpretive division highlight the need for expanded space and an auditorium. Offices are now housed in a leased building and have suffered numerous break-ins. Maintenance activities are located in an old Dairy Queen building partially retrofitted to meet basic maintenance needs but without safe, adequate work areas. Science facilities will provide support for resource management activities on 9 million acres of land.

**Ranking Categories:** Identify the percent of the project that is in the following categories of need.

0 % Critical Health or Safety Deferred Maintenance	0 % Critical Mission Deferred Maintenance
10 % Critical Health or Safety Capital Improvement	15 % Compliance & Other Deferred Maintenance
0 % Critical Resource Protection Deferred Maintenance	65 % Other Capital Improvement
10 % Critical Resource Protection Capital Improvement	

**Capital Asset Planning 300B Analysis Required:** YES: ☐ NO: ☒ **Total Project Score:** 260

**Project Costs and Status**

<b>Project Cost Estimate:</b>			<b>Project Funding History:</b>		
<b>Deferred Maintenance Work:</b>	\$ 2,309,850	15	<b>Appropriated to Date:</b>	\$ 691,000	
<b>Capital Improvement Work:</b>	\$13,089,150	85	<b>Requested in FY 2005 Budget:</b>	\$ 14,708,000	
<b>Total Project Estimate:</b>	\$15,399,000	100	<b>Planned Funding:</b>	\$ 0	
<b>Class of Estimate:</b>	B		<b>Future Funding to Complete Project:</b>	\$ 0	
<b>Estimate Good Until:</b>	09/30/05		<b>Project Total:</b>	\$ 15,399,000	
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Sch'd (qtr/yy)</b>		<b>Project Data Sheet Prepared/Last Updated:</b>	1/9/04	<b>Unchanged Since Departmental Approval:</b>
<b>Construction Start/Award</b>	2 / 2005				<b>YES:</b>
<b>Project Complete:</b>	6 / 2006				<b>NO:</b> x

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<b>Project Score/Ranking:</b>	350
<b>Planned Funding FY:</b>	2005
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Line Item Construction

**Project Identification**

<b>Project Title:</b> Construct Museum to Preserve and Interpret AHTNA Culture		
<b>Project No:</b> 063314	<b>Unit/Facility Name:</b> Wrangell-Saint Elias National Park & Preserve	
<b>Region:</b> Alaska	<b>Congressional District:</b> 01	<b>State:</b> AK

**Project Justification**

**Project Description:** This project would construct a one-story 2700-square-foot AHTNA Heritage Museum and Cultural Center to exhibit, curate, store, and interpret AHTNA Region Native Alaskan objects of cultural patrimony. The design will be compatible with the architectural style of the recently constructed Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve visitor center complex buildings. The facility will include the following components: lobby and information desk, sales area, exhibit area, curatorial storage, workroom, library and office space, and museum-quality HVAC, intrusion, and fire suppression systems.

**Project Need/Benefit:** Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, located in interior Alaska, lies in the heart of the AHTNA region. This Athabaskan group is the primary, though not the only, Alaska Native people affiliated with the park. A need exists to present the AHTNA to the world. Visitors come to the region by the thousands and have little contact and gain little knowledge of Native culture and history. Within the AHTNA region there is no focal point for the transmission of AHTNA cultural values to either visitors or their own people. As time passes, so do the AHTNA elders, and with them pass the values and traditions that have sustained the AHTNA for thousands of years. The AHTNA people need a place to collect, preserve, restore, and exhibit their culture; to teach AHTNA cultural values to their succeeding generations; and to present their story, customs, and traditions to the public. This facility will fulfill these pressing needs. This facility will complement the park's visitor center by providing a space for the AHTNA people to care for and interpret their culture for visitors, and for themselves. The facility will be operated under a cooperative agreement with the AHTNA Heritage Foundation, and will display cultural artifacts; present AHTNA cultural information and history; provide a setting for cultural heritage activities, gatherings, and classes; and provide space for the sale of AHTNA craft and art items. It will also provide space for the professional curatorial management of AHTNA-owned cultural artifacts. The museum will educate the public on who the AHTNA are and how they view their world. Without this facility, objects of AHTNA cultural patrimony will continue to leave the area or remain in non-local collections under non-AHTNA control and oversight. The park will lose a significant opportunity to partner with the region's major Native group and associated organizations. Park visitors will lose a major opportunity to learn about the region's original inhabitants in any depth, and will remain uninitiated regarding the art, culture, and traditions of the AHTNA.

**Ranking Categories:** Identify the percent of the project that is in the following categories of need.

0 % Critical Health or Safety Deferred Maintenance	0 % Critical Mission Deferred Maintenance
0 % Critical Health or Safety Capital Improvement	0 % Compliance & Other Deferred Maintenance
0 % Critical Resource Protection Deferred Maintenance	50 % Other Capital Improvement
50 % Critical Resource Protection Capital Improvement	

<b>Capital Asset Planning 300B Analysis Required: YES:</b>	<b>NO:</b> x	<b>Total Project Score:</b> 350
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